

FIRE APPARATUS TECHNICIAN

(Competitive Class)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

This class encompasses positions at the journeyman level in several trades as they relate to fire fighting apparatus and other related equipment. Work involves assisting in the maintenance and upkeep of equipment and tools for the Baton Rouge Fire Department. Employee is subject to twenty-four hour, seven day a week call. Work is reviewed through observation of results obtained and discussion with the Assistant Chief Fire Apparatus Technician. This class ranks immediately below that of Assistant Chief Fire Apparatus Technician.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

Performs a variety of skilled and technical work on fire pumps, aerial hydraulic systems, automobiles, and other sophisticated equipment.

Assists in testing major firefighting equipment to insure that equipment meets specifications.

Assists in determining if any firefighting apparatus involved in an accident is safe for continued service or must be replaced until repaired.

Called out on any fire or emergency to assist in checking all firefighting apparatus in operation at the emergency scene.

Assists in performance testing, dismantling, inspecting, and rebuilding of fire pumps, aerial hydraulic pumps, hydraulic motors, hydraulic cylinders, gasoline engines, diesel engines, and other sophisticated equipment.

Assists in body and fender work on fire apparatus.

Assists in preventive maintenance programs as required on all equipment.

Assists in overhauls, tune-ups, and repair of fire pumpers, aerial ladders, portable generators, portable pumps, water towers, power saws, and other related firefighting equipment.

Assists in maintenance, repair, and rebuilding of lawnmowers, and edgers.

Assists in the serviceability tests of all aerial ladders and assists the training division with service tests on all fire pumps as required by NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) pamphlet 1901.

Assists in electrical, pipefitting, and iron work when required in the repair of firefighting equipment.

Performs any related duties assigned.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements listed below must be met by the filing deadline for application for admission to the examination.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States and passing a civil service examination for the position.

Before appointment, must pass a medical examination designed to show good health and the physical abilities necessary to perform the duties of the position.

Must not be less than eighteen (18) years of age.

Must possess a valid driver's license.

Applicant must possess one of the following: high school diploma, high school equivalency certificate, high school transcript, affidavit from the issuing high school, associate's or bachelor's degree, or college transcript, any one of which must indicate that graduation has occurred or a degree awarded. A certification of completion shall not be sufficient to substitute for a diploma or equivalency certificate.

Must possess a certificate to signify successful completion of courses in repair, rebuilding, and maintenance of heavy equipment, diesel engines, hydraulic systems, and water pumps or have three (3) years combined experience in any of the above related fields.

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